

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 11, 2006 and supplements the response filed on April 10, 2006. This paper further supplements a First Supplemental Amendment filed June 20, 2006, and a Second Supplemental Amendment filed July 11, 2006. In this paper, claims 30-33 and 55-59 have been canceled. Claims 9, 10, 12-18, 34, 35, 39, 40, and 45-53 now remain in the application. In view of the foregoing amendments, as well as the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in complete condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application in this regard.

In a phone message from the Examiner on July 27, 2006 he indicated that independent claim 30 should be amended to recite the friction-creating substance in order to place the application in a condition for allowance. Instead of amending claim 30, Applicants have canceled claim 30 and its dependent claims 31-33 and 55-59 without prejudice.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing response including the amendments and remarks, this application is submitted to be in complete condition for allowance and early notice to this affect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes any matter requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved.

Applicants believe that no fees are due in connection with this response. However, if a petition is due or any additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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